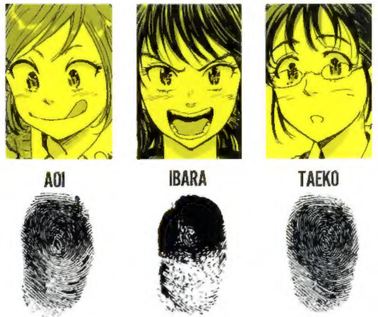
コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能への抗体を持った子供。

❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助などを任務としている。

[1] Children who were born with gene manipulation to have antibody against radioactivity.

[2] Name of a special force unit, which is composed with these children. The Ground Self-Defense Force 3rd Division. They are assigned to take on lifesaving missions in the radiation-contaminated Tokyo.



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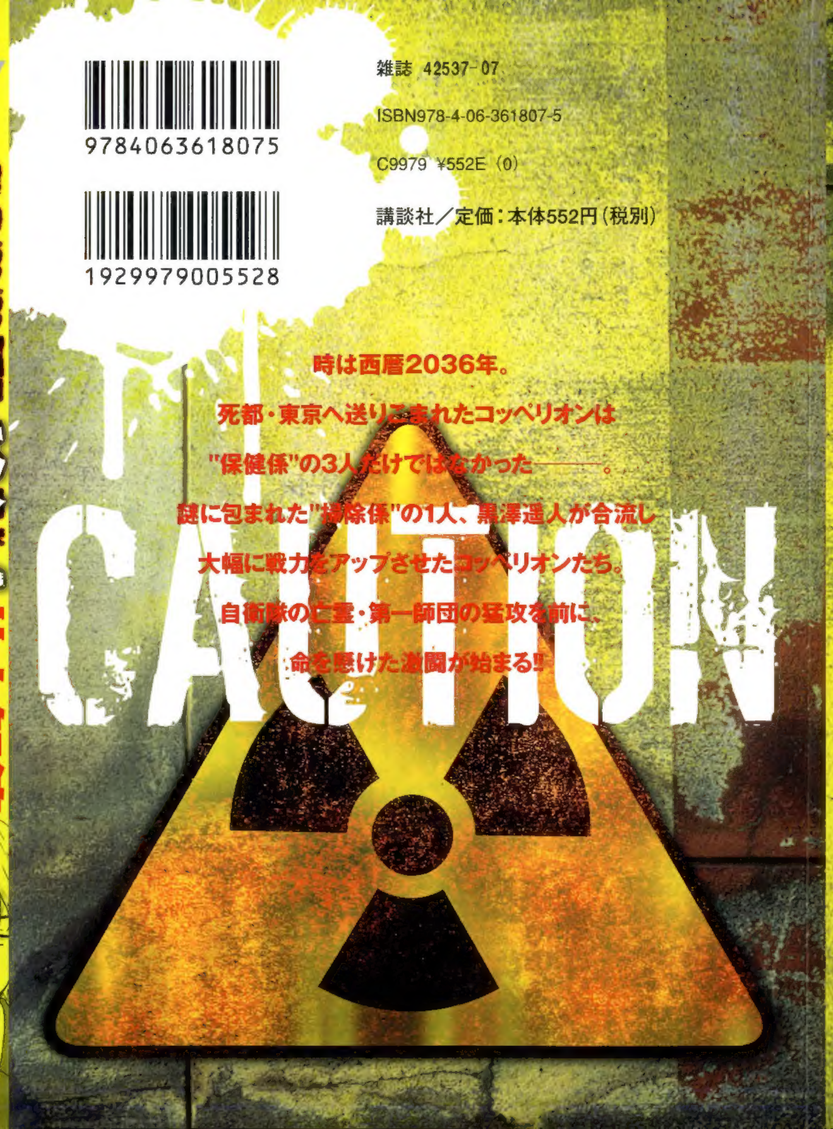

時は西暦2036年。
死部・東京へ送り込まれたコッペリオンは
"保健係"の3人だけではなかった――。
謎に包まれた"掃除係"の1人、黒澤遥人が合流し
大幅に戦力をアップさせたコッペリオンたち。
自衛隊の仁王・第一師団の猛攻を前に、
命を懸けた激闘が始まる!!

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あらかじめ御了承ください。

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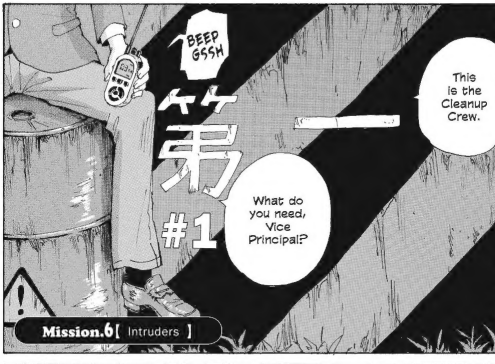
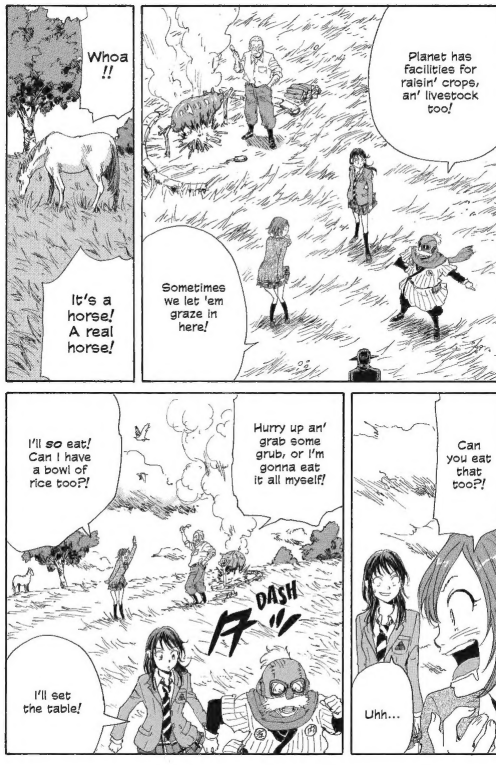
CLOP
Do you read me, Cleanup Crew?
This is Vice Principal Mishima!


BEEP
GSSH
#1
This is the Cleanup Crew.
What do you need, Vice Principal?
Mission.6[Intruders]

Copy that, Vice Principal.
TMP
Representative Ibara's team?
The Medical Unit ...
I need you to join up with the Medical Unit.

We'll head their way ASAP.
KCHK

HUUUUUH?!
FWOOM
CHOMP
CHOMP
Like...
CRACKLE
...what's all this, Foreman?!
CRACKLE
You guys even have live-stock?!
A pig!
I'm roastin' up a pig fer eats!
Use yer eyes, girlie!
OMF
OMF


Whoa !!
It's a horse! A real horse!
Planet has facilities for raisin' crops, an' livestock too!
Sometimes we let 'em graze in here!
Can you eat that too?!
Uhh...
Hurry up an' grab some grub, or I'm gonna eat it all myself!
I'll so eat! Can I have a bowl of rice too?!
DASH
I'll set the table!

...what now?
So, tough little missy...
OM NOM

But either way, we're stuck until the conference is over.
I think the VP'll figure somethin' out.
Ha!

The VP can't do anything for us until it's over because he's there on security duty.
MUNCH
The conference in Kyoto is supposed to start on October 5th and last for three days.

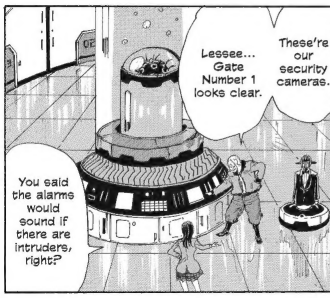
That's the great Prime Minister's orders, eh?
And they won't send no evac chopper till somebody gets ridda those 1st Division ghosts.

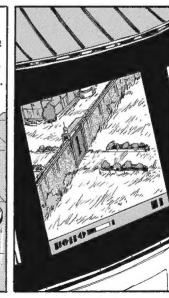
Three days ain't nothin'!
Not when we've been stuck in this hellhole fer 20 years!
Well it ain't like we expected anythin' in the first place!
An' if help still ain't gonna come round...
Anywho, we just gotta sit tight an' hold down the fort here, yeah?
I know that, Ibuki!
These girls aren't at fault.
You're being too harsh, Foreman.
KREE
...

...we'll need weapons.

If the 1st Division's suddenly gotten aggressive ...
No... things are different for you now.

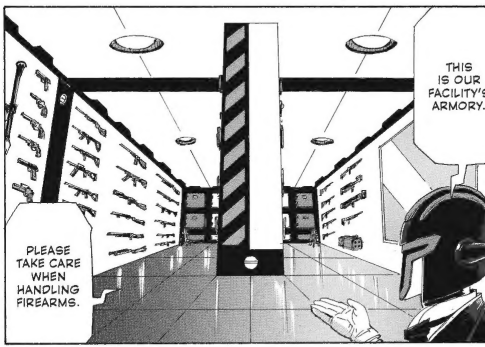
CERTAINLY, MASTER GENNAI.
Hrm... No-sense, show her to the armory after dinner.

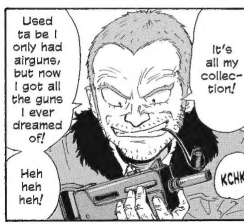

Lessee... Gate Number 1 looks clear.
These're our security cameras.
You said the alarms would sound if there are intruders, right?



How're ya feelin', Miss Taeko?
I hope restin' in the oxygen capsule's relieved the pain for ya.
Thank you, Mr. Gennai.
I'll put your glasses on the table over there.
Sleep well, Taeko!
BEEP
BEEP
Aoi... if anything happens, come wake me up, okay?
No worries!
I'll just handle it myself!
...

BRMM


THIS IS OUR FACILITY'S ARMORY.
PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN HANDLING FIREARMS.


Used ta be I only had airguns, but now I got all the guns I ever dreamed of!
Heh heh heh!
It's all my collection!
KCHK

You've got some serious firepower in here!
Huh!
CLOP

Alright! That should be—
A recoilless gun with anti-tank rounds...
Most Japanese would never even see anything like this in person.
KCHK
Sure you should be so happy about that?
Don'tcha at least got some *men* in this Coppelion group of yers?
?
What about you, missy?
Man, what a world we live in.
We got *high school girls* runnin' around *shootin'* things in abandoned ruins.
We do.
CLACK
Yes.
CLACK

There's a boy who's working to decontaminate the radioactive particles here.
He's in the Cleanup Crew.
Then where in the hell are they now?
Can't rightly call anyone who makes girls do all the work a real man!
Ohoho!
CLACK
Hold on now, they sent somebody to clean up 20 years after the meltdown?!
Clean-up Crew ...?!
Honestly ...
Ha! I'll lend 'im a dustpan!
Well ain't that somethin'!
Aha-haha!

...about the other Coppelion teams.
...I don't really know anything...
VWOOO
Huh...?!
Wha?!
What's going on?!
VWOO
Huh?
Somebody's approachin' Gate Number 1!
Is that—?
Hey!
DASH
Wait fer me, missy!
Yeah! It's the alarm!

I bet he, like, followed Taeko's scent!
It's gotta be Mr. Wolf, then!

ウ-VWOOO
Hrm...
Nothing on the camera.
カニ

Oh?
Hrm. Hard t'believe it...

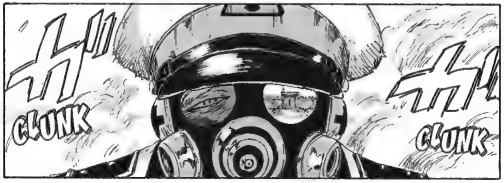
But we should wait for everybody—
Wha? Oh, yes.
I can open the gate manually, right, Mr. Gennai?
B.B.M.M
I'll go get him!
01

I've got my own mission now! I'll show everybody what I can do!
Hee-hee!

TMP
TMP
TMP

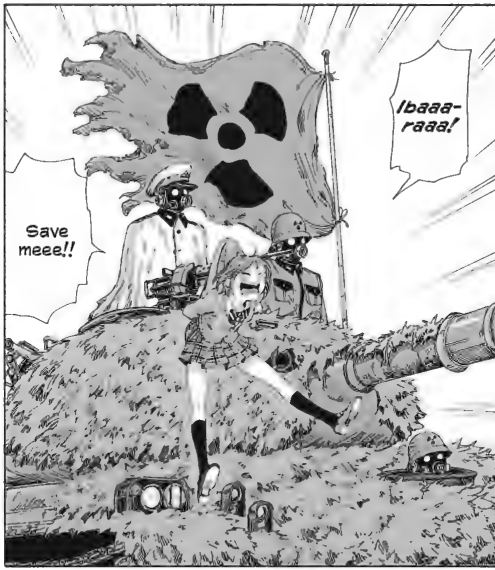
Over here, Miss Rep!
Mr. Genna!
CLUNK
Maybe it really is your wolf—
Still nothin' ...
CLUNK
Are there intruders?!
HUFF
HUFF
Hm?
I've been keepin' an eye on the monitor.
Oh...
CLUNK
Oh no!
CLUNK
CLUNK

CLUNK
CLUNK
It's the 1st Division!


CLUNK
CLUNK

Crap!
Foreman ...!
The 1st Division ?!
KCHK
Good-ness gra-cious ..
They're armed an' ready!
THUD
THUD
Where's Aoi?!
Hold up...
This is the first time we've faced anything like this!
Why is this happening ?!

...
What?!
She went to open the gate!
Oh... bugger!
Aoi! Aoi, can you hear me?!
She is a member of Coppelion, after all.
It'll be okay.
Idiot! And ya call yerself a repairman?!
WHACK
CRASH
It's no use! The microphone's broken!
Even Aoi should at least know that much—
We were taught to always be aware of our surroundings.
Ibaaaraaaa!
?


Ibaaa-
raaa!
Save
meee!!

What
an
airhead.
...
M-6 END

Mission.7[The Ghosts' Nest]
Oh no!
It's the 1st Division!
Where's Aoi?!
Hold up...
They're armed an' ready!
Goodness gracious ...
?!
Ibaaa-raaa!

Save meee!!

What the heck is yer friend *thinkin'*?!
Dagnabbit...
They're past the gate!
Oh no...
I am *never* letting her do anything on her own again!
Lemme go!
Nooo!
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
I am *so* sorry.
They're going to attack us!
CLUNK
CLUNK

Y'can't escape— there's only one way out!
Hmph!
Ahhh! We're doomed!
!
Ah...
TMP
TMP
Look! They're waitin' at the entrance!
RRMM
Wait, they've stopped!
Ho ...?!
What the heck?
HWOOO

Ibara! Please listen!
I-I'm going to tell you their demands now!
What's the point in comin' after us NOW?
What're they after?
Could it be...?
GASP
...
Please say you'll be these great soldiers' allies, no questions asked!
Wh-What?!
They are not enemies of Coppelion!
Turn up the volume!
She's shoutin' somethin'.
BOOP
Alright!

So...
So please make your choice!
They have the right to reign over dead capital Tokyo!
They only want to protect their own territory!
...or...
Will you cooperate with the 1st Division ...
...a... a-abandon cute little me...?
KCHK
TEHBL TEHBL
...o-o-or...

They want us... Cop-pelion!
Maybe they aren't after you survivors.
She ain't no use, anyway!
Sorry, but we gotta ditch 'er!
It explains their sudden change in behavior.
That could be why they attacked the ambulance.
What're ya sayin'?
What?!
Whadda they want ya that much fer?
Hold yer horses...
So they were usin' Ibuki an' Gojiro as bait!
They knew that if survivors were in trouble, we'd come runnin'!
FWAP
But—
Ibaraaa!
I don't know.

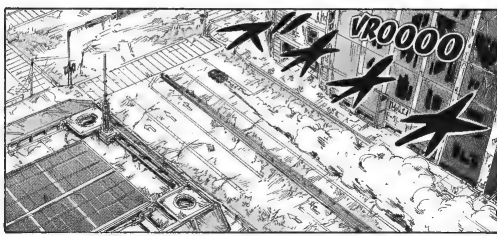
Are you going to just leave me?!
W-Wait... Oh my gosh...
Please, give them an answer already!
What's taking so long?!
This will suffice.
That's enough.
They'll kill her!
This is bad...
You dare!
Grr!!
I'm talking to you!
As you command!
Pull out!
Hmph! They wanna force us to work with 'em?! No thanks, bub!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Wh...
Wh...

CLUNK
CLUNK
Where're they taking meee?!
Whaaat?!
Wanna?
Meeep!
They took 'er.
Tch...
Hold it right there!
DASH
I'm going after them!
They're leavin' without a fight?
I don't get it.
Ya can't take 'em on by yerself.

I'll take ya there myself!
So there ain't no helpin' it!
I know where their hideout's at.

Load up yer weapons in the car!
No dilly-dallyin'!
DASH
Yes, sir!

Foreman ...


VROOOO

VROOOO
CLONK
This is the Cleanup Crew!
Come in, channel 2 Medical Unit!
RRMM
MISS IBARA DEPARTED FROM THE FACILITY FIVE MINUTES AND 36 SECONDS AGO...
GOOD DAY. YOU HAVE REACHED JAXA PLANET.
BEEP GSSH
VMM
ARE YOU THERE, REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE?

...FOR INOGASHIRA PARK.
SWISH
So...
...the 1st Division's base is in this park?
You'll see it fer yerself soon enough.
Let's move!
What's this? An art museum...?
FLAP FLAP
CHEEP
CHEEP
Yeah. That ain't their base, though!

HWOOO

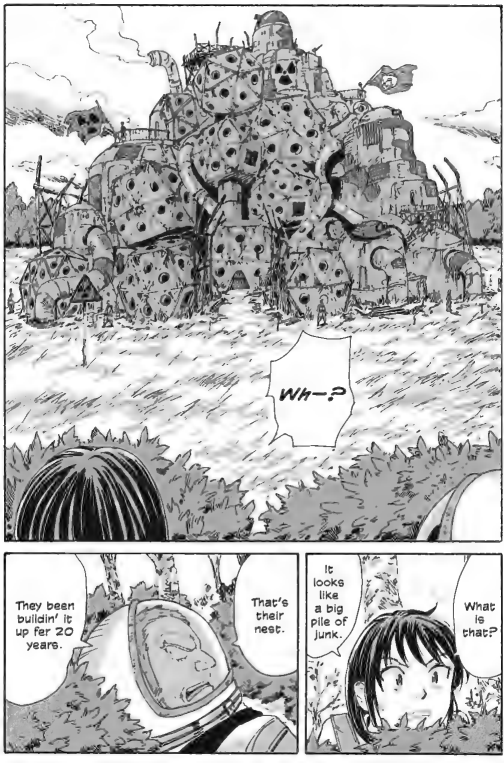
Yessir. I turned off the radio.
Stay quiet.
This way.

Okay, go!
DASH
DASH

It's in that field.

?!

Hide in the brush!
FWUMP


Wh-?
What is that?
It looks like a big pile of junk.
That's their nest.
They been buildin' it up fer 20 years.

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!
It's Aoi!
There ...
!!
Freeze!
Don't be reck-less!
Wait!
HEH
Move and I'll shoot your leader!

They're not afraid to die!
Threats won't work!
Run !!
Ibara ...
?!
I'll END it!
Well?
I'm unarmed.
Shoot, then.
Run away !!
Go ahead and kill me, I don't mind.

Why won't she just shoot 'em?!
WHUD
WHAM!
That idiot!
Shit ...
FSSH
KRAK
FWUP
?!
FWUP

Time to clean up.
FWUP
Prepare yourselves.
M-7 END

Mission.8【 The Cleanup Crew 】
Ibara...!
FWUP
Tsk, tsk...
FWUP
?!

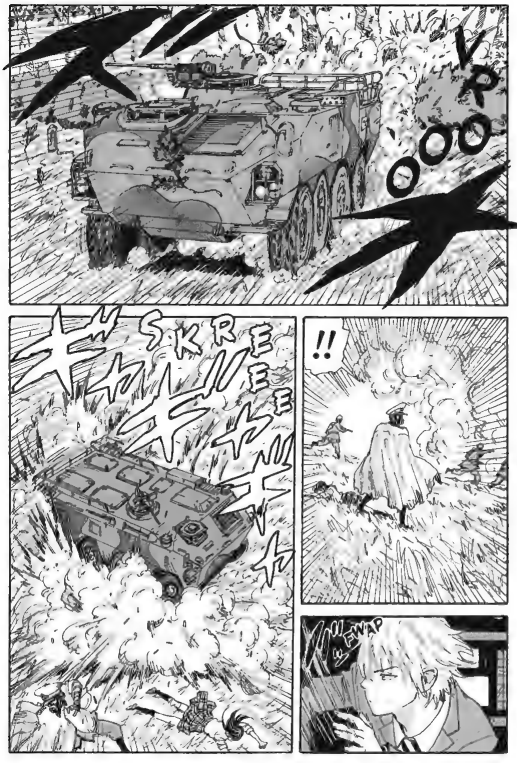
FWAP
What a troublesome representative we have.

Who goes there?!
Isn't he...
...from the Cleanup Crew?!
Ugh...
RA
RA
TA
TA
TA
Open fire!

PING
PSSH
BWSH
BOOM
WHOOSH
!!
FWSH

WHUMP
WHOOA
The base!
Stop!
DASH
KCHK
After him!
PTOO

KABOOM
!!
Emer-gency!
The shelter's been damaged!
Activate the shutters!
Put out the fire!
RRMM
Gyahh!!
KRSH


VROOOO
SKREEEE
!!
SNAP

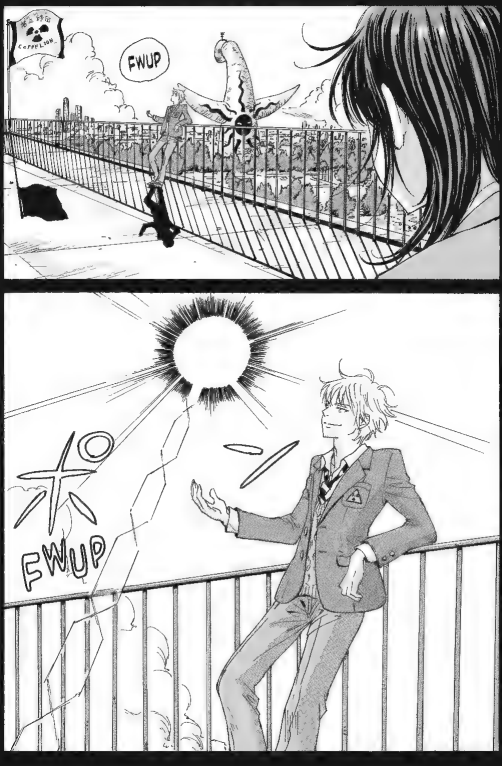
!
THIP
SHWING
!
WHUD
THP
CLANG
FWSH
HWOO...

Boom
Boom
Fire!
BEEP
VROOMP
BLAM
BEEEEP
...

Open this thing up!
We gotta scram!
?
Hey! Bomb boy!
Radiation's getting in! Hurry!
SLINK
SLINK
SWISH
The fire's not out yet?!
Git yer ass in gear!
Aoi Fukaeaku! Over here!
VROOO

SNIP
The hostage is escaping!
Thank—
FRA TA TA TA TA
SHOO
WHOOSH
—Gooood!!
BONG
BING
Grab on t'me!
C'mon, hold out your hand!
CLINK
CLANG
They're gonna getcha!
Hurry it up, idiot!
CLINK
VROOM
CLANG

BING
BONG
FLAP FLAP
BING
BONG
Haruto000!
KCHK
BING
BONG
BING
BONG
The bell's ringin'!
Haruto!
KREE


FWUP
FWUP

GASP
Oww...
BONG
FWAP FWAP
I wouldn't be surprised if that thick skull of yours could crack a *tank* in half.
CHK CHK
FWSSSH
Could you try not to break anything?

Haruto Kurosawa! From the Cleanup Crew...!
You're—
I got orders from the Vice Principal to save you.
We're out of danger for now, so I was working on a new bomb. Is it all right if I keep at it?
...
Yeah... don't mind me...!
Hoho!
KCHK
So yer awake, tough little missy!

So, where's Aoi?
It's not your fault. I just ran in there.
We left 'er!

You're okay!
Fore-man Kuro-be!

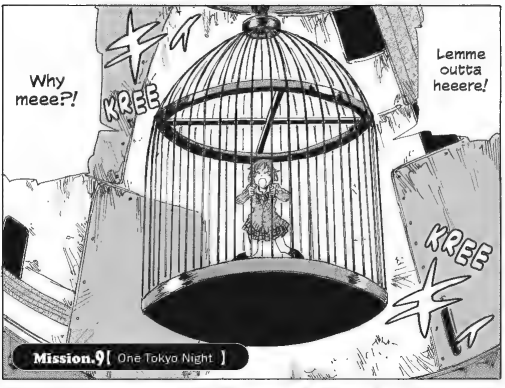
...yer help ran a little late.
Sorry ...

How could you forget about me, you blockhead ?!
Oh my god!

Huh?

Why meee?!
KREE
KREE
Lemme outta heeere!
...
It ain't my fault!
He's the one that screwed the pooch!
Then we haveta hurry!
URGH
You're too hurt!
We won't have any way to find them if they move her someplace else—ugh...!
We gotta regroup first!
Don't worry, Naruse.

I had a feeling this might happen...
Lemme out!
I'm so hungry!
BEEP
...so I slipped a tracking device into Aoi Fukasaku's pocket.
Their movements are an open book to us now.
BEEP
BRMM
We'll know *exactly* where to strike back.
M-9END


Why meee?!
KREE
Lemme outta heeere!
KREE
Mission.9[One Tokyo Night]

As long as she's alive, it'll keep transmitting her location.
I slipped a tracking device into Aoi Fukasaku's pocket. One that reads vital signs.
SWSH

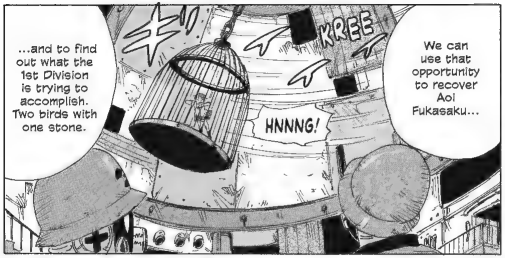
We haveta hurry!
You're too hurt! We gotta regroup first!

Don't worry, Naruse.

RRMM
BEEP
Their movements are an open book to us now.

!
I thought you left her behind by accident, Haruto!
Really ...?
Hey, wait a sec!
But...
...y'left her on purpose, so you could track the 1st Division, didn'tcha?!
Aren't you curious to know ...
...what they intend to use us for?
I'm caught up on the situation.
It seems the 1st Division is trying to capture us Coppelion, yes?

That doesn't mean you should sacrifice a friend like that!
BAM
They'll let her live as long as they have a use for her.
I haven't sacrificed anyone, Naruse.
So they'll have to reposition themselves somewhere else.
BEEP
They can't use that pile of scraps as a base anymore. Not after that explosion.
Look at it this way.

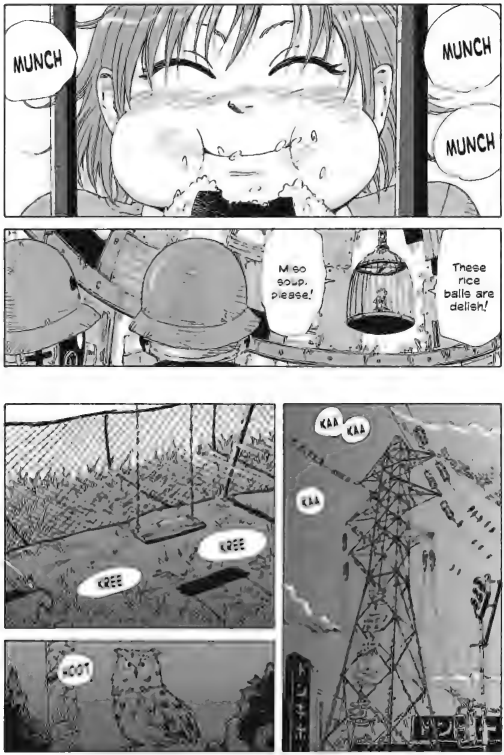

...and to find out what the 1st Division is trying to accomplish. Two birds with one stone.
KREE
HNNNG!
We can use that opportunity to recover Aoi Fukasaku...

We're on standby until then.
Exactly!

Izzat what yer sayin', bomb boy?
An' there's nothin' we can do till they move?

Y'can heal up till then!
There ya have it, missy!

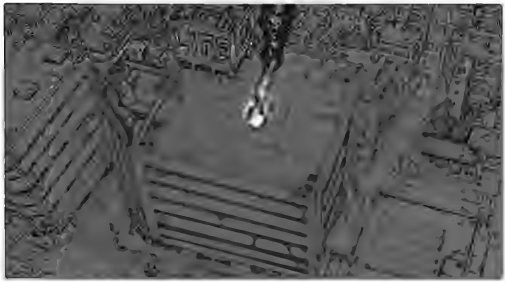
Oh, Aoi...
She's probably cryin' right now... all by herself...

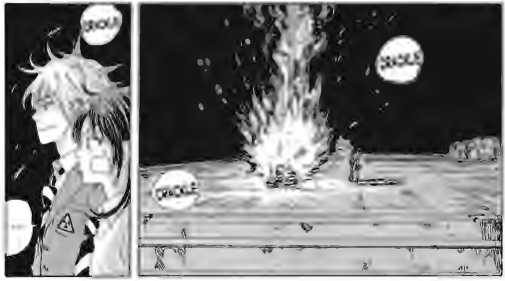

MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
Miso soup, please!
These rice balls are delish!
KREE
KREE
HOOT
KAA
KAA
KAA

It's already nighttime.
Sigh...

Huh?
Ahuuuhn! I need my lotion! My poor skin!
Why do I have to sleep in a cage? I can't even change my panties!

...that orange light?
What's...




CRACKLE
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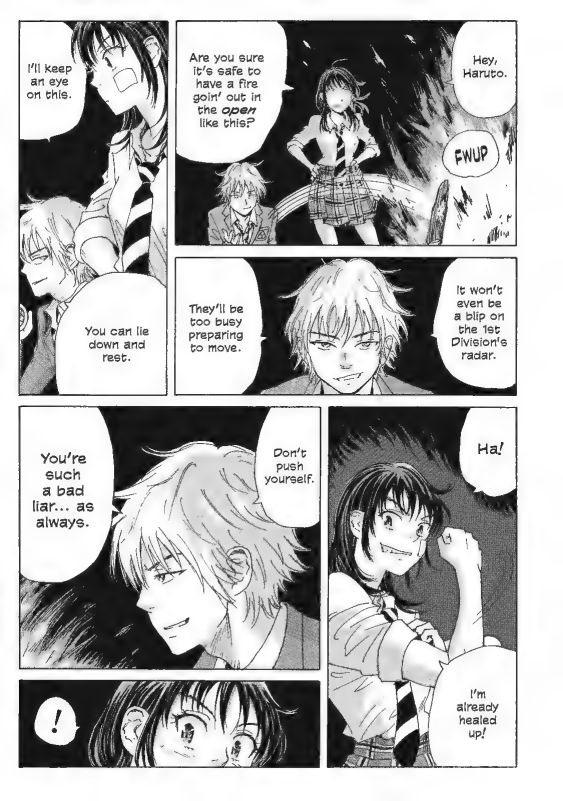

I'll keep an eye on this.
You can lie down and rest.
Are you sure it's safe to have a fire goin' out in the open like this?
Hey, Haruto.
FWUP
They'll be too busy preparing to move.
It won't even be a blip on the 1st Division's radar.
You're such a bad liar... as always.
Don't push yourself.
Ha!
I'm already healed up!
!

Y-You examined my body...?
Thoroughly?
Although with your regeneration abilities, you could recover fully if you took an entire day to rest.
SASH
I took the liberty of examining your body while you were asleep. Thoroughly. You've strained yourself to your limit over the past several days.
MITAKA-GUMI
三鷹組
Wa na na na!
Yeesh.
HIC
An' that's how I blew him straight inta next week!
An' then I hurled a flare right into that cloaked sucker!
Hohoho! Tellin' another tall tale, Kurobe?

But our lives before the meltdown were *already* miserable, what with the recession an' all.
They keep sayin' they're *savin'* us...
I ain't goin' back to no crapsack society!
Maybe it took 20 years'a work, but we're livin' a pretty damn good life!
GULP
Here, I don't got a boss, I don't gotta pay taxes, I don't gotta deal with none'a that crap!
...I gotta start all over again? At *my* age?
And now ...
Think of it this way.
But, Kurobe ...
...

An' until they finish this job, that curse won't be lifted from 'em.
Those youngins came all the way here, carryin' a heavy burden since the day they were born.
An' if it'll set those kids free...
But... it could be interestin' t'see where this takes us, don't ya think?
#!'SNSH...
I could live out my days here, too.
CLACK

Wow...
The night sky's so clear today.

Do you know *why* you can see the stars in such a big city, Naruse?
Why?

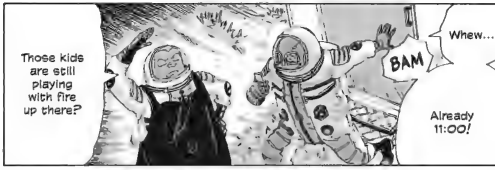
Because there aren't any electric lights.

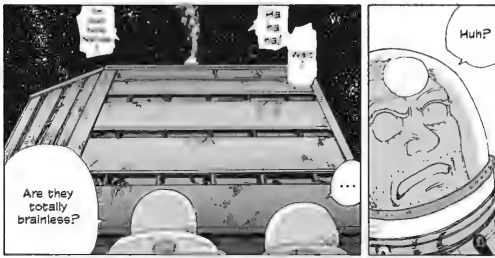
Science... wiped this city out in one fell swoop.
Electricity...

What kinda work do you do in the Cleanup Crew?
Hey, Haruto ...?

They struggle and struggle to advance, only to end up right back where they started: in a world of darkness.
Humans are a pitiful species.

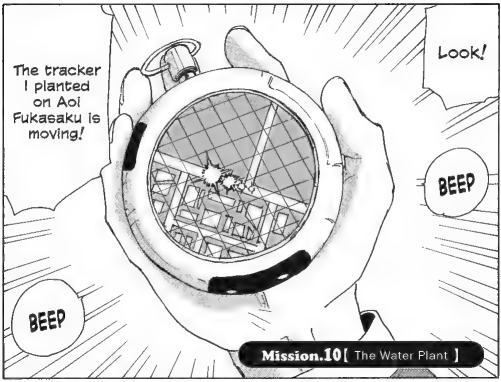
Let's go to the café downstairs and have some coffee.
It's getting chilly out.
HWOOOSH
I heard that it has to do with decontamination.
But why would you need bombs or an armored personnel carrier for that?
Okay. I'll tell you... if you can take this from me.
FWUP
...You wanna know that bad?


Those kids are still playing with fire up there?
BAM
Whew...
Already 11:00!


Are they totally brainless?
...
Huh?

FWAP
Gotcha!
Wait!
BEEP BEEP
Huh?!
BEEP
The tracker's moving!
Look.
BEEP
No, north-west!
They're heading west.
FWIP
FWIP
There's no time to play around!
The 1st Division's on the move.

Yeah!
SHLD
... Are you ready, Naruse?
Now, then... time for a ghost hunt.
FWOOO
M-9 END

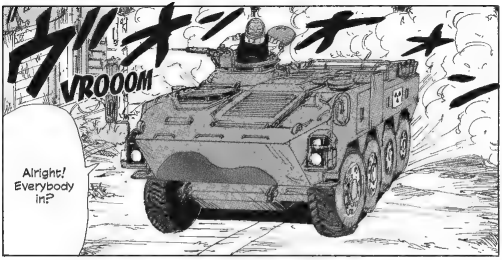

The tracker I planted on Aoi Fukasaku is moving!
Look!
BEEP
BEEP
Mission.10 [The Water Plant]

... Are you ready, Naruse?

Yeah!

They're leaving Inogashira Park.
The 1st Division's on the move.

Now, then... time for a ghost hunt!
DASH


VROOOM
Alright! Everybody in?

Hurry, Haruto, I'm worried about Aoi!
The tracker's still working. She's probably fine.
Now, let's follow them.
GWSH

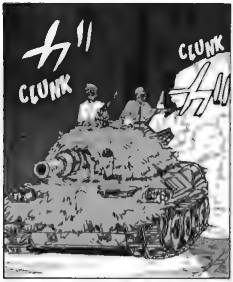
Why're ya draggin' me along?!
Let me off!
VROOM
We need yer help! You ain't gettin' off, Gennai!

What's wrong, Foreman Kurobe?

Hold yer horses, bomb boy!
VROOM
Hey now!

This's a map of danger zones—places that've got too much radiation for us!
What are those marks?
Ya gotta look at the map!
Here!
EWAD
So y'gotta drive around 'em!
We should've just gone on our own, then.
EWAD
The radiation from the canisters at the Boat Race Lake spread that far?!
Oh yeah, I forgot!
You two might not even blink at it, but us ordinary humans'd die in there!
That's how it is!
They'll be avoiding these danger zones, too.
No. The 1st Division's made up of ordinary humans.

I'm ready for war!
Alright, then!
KCHK
Is he just a nerd into military stuff?


CLUNK
CLUNK

CLUNK
...

CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

We must get there before our oxygen tanks empty.
Step to it.
CLANK
CLANK
Yes, sir!
We'll arrive shortly!
Be wary of the danger zones.
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
BEEP
BEEP
They're headed northwest.
We're right in the center of Mitaka!
Come on up here and you'll see, missy!
?!
CHK
Where are we now?
They must have a specific destination in mind.

MITAKA
This is...
...Mitaka Station!
I guess they'd all be rusted over by now.
Train car!
You got it!
See the railway up there?
No, no!
They aren't!

We've still been usin' one, y'see...
To transport materials here from Shinjuku!
Really?!
You use the trains?!
Sure do!
We use hydro-power from the Tama River plant to keep them goin'!
Hmph!
They're down now, though!
Th-That was bound t'happen! The power lines were cut at some point!
But it's somewhere in a danger zone, so we can't go fix it!
Hm...
Sure takes a lot to keep a train movin'.

CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

Move as much as you can—
We can't stay long!

Work quickly!
We're about to arrive!

Gah ....!!
FWUMP

!!
BAM

Hmph!
CLANK
...!
DASH
CLANG
I'll shut you up!
We don't have time for this!
You brat...
Nooo! Lemme go!!
Ow...!!
CLINK
FSSSSH

Do not harm the girl.
We need her in good condition.

Stop!

Once we have no need for you, we will return you home.
HEH

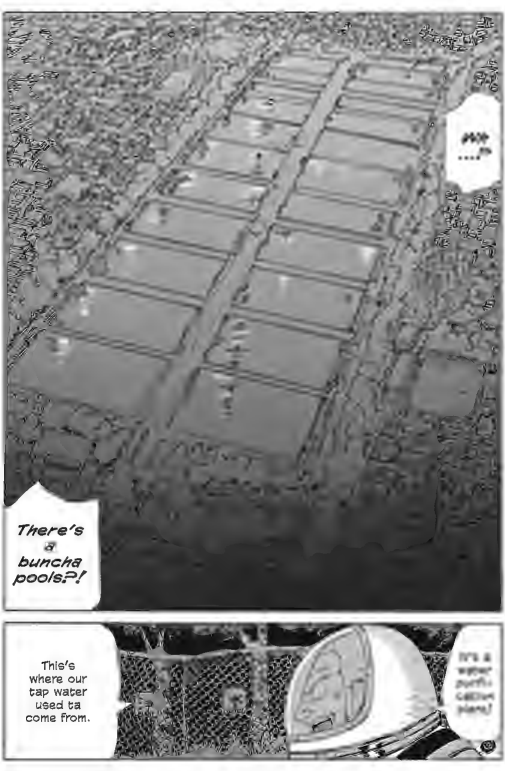
Do not be so frightened.
We'll only need your help later.

They're gonna kill meee!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
Save me, Ibara!

I-I don't believe you!
...
FSSH

...Okay, so?
BEEP
BEEP
Huh?!
They turned right!
Hm ...?
They'll be wiped out.
LOW
If they keep following this road they'll enter a large danger zone.
Look at the map.
Your map's kinda hard t'read.
Low-level...?
This mark means it's still low-level radiation!
See?
LOW
No, that zone's different!
Oh!
It ain't as risky!

Maybe that's another one'a their hidden bases?
It's certainly an eerie place, and difficult to approach...
The radiation's been spreadin' little by little fer years there!
Deal with it!
There could be a specific cause for radioactive particles to collect there, then.
Little by little...?
We're there.
FWAP
You'll see it fer yerself!
Enough with explan-ations!
What place are you talkin' about?
Um...
?!
WOOO

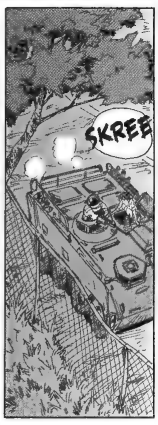

Wah ....?!
There's a buncha pools?!
This's where our tap water used ta come from.
It's a water purification plant!

!

But all that water's contaminated now.
What the heck're they here for? A swimmin' competition?

I found 'em!
Haruto, stop!

Over there!
Where ...?!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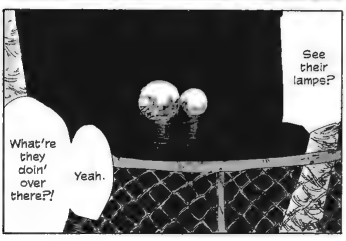
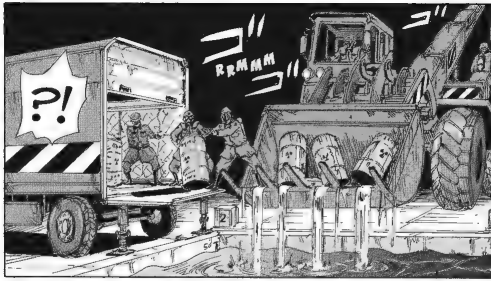

See their lamps?
What're they doin' over there?!
Yeah.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RRMMM
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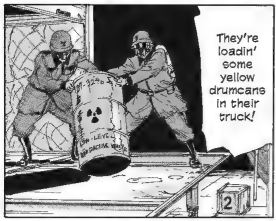
They're loadin' some yellow drumcans in their truck!
LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
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What in the blazes ...?!

...radio-active... what?!
Low-level...

Low-level radioactive waste?!
LOW-LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTE

That's—

Even if it's "low-level," that's
That means the canister contains scraps and liquids that are contaminated with radioactive material, but at a relatively low concentration.
!
...there're drumcans in *all of these pools!?*
What's the plan, Naruse?

But first we gotta save A-!
I dunno what they're up to...
This's a rescue operation!
Let's move out!
KCHK
M-10 END

...in the water plant's pools!
There's a ton of radioactive waste...
Mission.11 [Operation: Rescue Aoi]

But first we gotta save Aoi!
TIK TIK

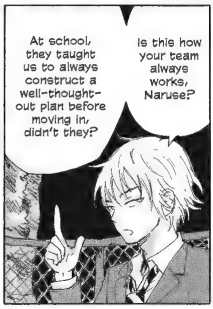
I dunno what they're up to...

This's a rescue operation!
Let's move out!

Wait!

What now, boyo?! This's the good part!
SWIP
...

Are ya sure y'should be in charge?
Did they? When was that?


At school, they taught us to always construct a well-thought-out plan before moving in, didn't they?
Is this how your team always works, Naruse?

Well, bomb boy?
If yer gonna whine about it, y'already got a plan of yer own, don'tcha?

ドカーン
KA
BOOM
!!
TMP
TMP
Ibara ...?!
We're under attack!
カン
BANG
カン
BANG
カン
BANG
An explosion!
ワア
RAAA
Squads one and two, prepare for battle! Annihilate them!
Squads three and four, continue working!
RAAA
RAAA
ワア
RAAA

Go faster!!
Here they come!
RA
TA
TA
TA
TA
VROOOOM
Wa ha ha ha!
RA
TA
TA
VROOOOM
Show me what ya got, scumbags!
Gennai! A missile, fire a missile!
RA
TA
TA
Argh! How do ya drive this thing?!
CLUNK
This doesn't have any!
RAAA
RAAA

Time to clean up, then.
KCHK
I'll lessen their numbers.
Most of the 1st Division is following them.
Okay...
The diversion worked.
Are you...?
Are you *trying* to kill them?!
If you shoot 'em, their suits—they'll get radiation poisoning!
Wait, Haruto!
FWAP
They'll probably bleed out before then, though.
Sure.
H
W
OOOO

We won't get anything out of having mercy on humans.
We're dolls.
You recover Aoi Fukaeaku.
SWAP
Leave the dirty work to the Cleanup Crew.
Enemy spotted!
KCHK!
Haruto ...!
DASH
BAM
BAM

BAM
RA TA
Argh!
The enemy!
BAM
FWUMP
You idiot...!
SWSH

Commander, maybe you should take shelter.
Gunfire! Intercept them!
RATATA
How much longer until we're done loading up?!
Over here! I'm over heeere!
Shut up!
Ibaa-raaa!
SWSH
Very well.
Aha... they're gonna try an' escape on the tank!
Ibara!
There she is!
Save me, Ibara!
!

GWSH
!!
I'm comin', Aoi!
...
I can see right through your plans.
Ugh ...!
GWSSH
Hng...!
TMP
TMP
We've *both* been trained to protect our home country.
GWSH
We are both from the JGSDF.

WHAM
...with you!
Don't you dare lump me in...
FWSHH
SWSH
WHOMP
KOFF
HACK
?!
Guh...

WOBBLE
You don't have an oxygen tank?!
...
You...
KOFF
HACK
What would make you—?
Why ...?
We do not fear death.
Do you understand now?
HUFF
HUFF
FAWP
Heh heh ...

You came here to save people, yes?
Then perhaps you should know more about them.
FSSSH
'Tis a simple thing to lose one's humanity.
FWOMP
Thank goodness ...
FSSSH

Please…
Stop fighting and come with—
Your eye. It's the eye of an ordinary man.
FWP
?!
FWAP
Now! Aim at me!
SLAM
What're you—?!
PING
!!

Naruse ...?!
ドコォォォン
KABOOOM
?!
Jump on, boyo!
RATATA
Heeey!
VROOM
Yeehaw!
VROOOOM
TMP
DASH

Uh...
I-I'm... just going to the bathroom?
THUD
!!
SWSH
Find the body!
Did it hit her?!
Hurry!
RAAAA
Get out of here!
Keep going straight! Naruse needs our help!
How's that plan goin', boyo?!

It's Miss Aoi!
War!
VROOO
?!
Oof!!
Urgh...
She's
Where's Naruse P!
Don't jump inta th'road outta nowhere, idiot!
D

FWOOOOM
CRACK!
Naruse ...!!
M-11 END

Mission.12【 Save Ibara! 】
Aoi Fukasaku!
Urgh...
She's ...
Where's Naruse?!

Naruse
...!!

Can you hear me?!
Naruse!
They hit her with a tank shell!
No...!
HIC
HIC
Hey!
Ibara Naruse! Say something!
ドス
WHOO
Dammit!
DASH
She ain't conscious. Whadda we do?!
!!
There's a lotta blood! Slow now...!
FWSH
Turn her face-up!

Wh-Whadda we do...?
She's got a shard stuck in 'er!
This ain't lookin' good!
Wh... WHAT?!
FWAP
She's in cardiac arrest!
She's not breathing.
FWP
Aoi! Aoi?!
Hey...
Grab the defibrillator from the back seat of the APC!
GWSH
Aoi Fukasaku!

17!!
DASH
Shit…
THROB
THROB
THROB
I…
Ibara's gonna die.
C-Cuzza me… Ibara's gonna…
!
Aoi Fuka-saku!
Listen… Naruse will die if we don't do something!
We all have to work together to make this work!
Get me the defibril-lator.
Can you do that?
Y…
Yes, Kuro-sawa!

GWSH
L-Like this?!
Yes.
HUFF
The blood ain't stoppin'! Should we get this frag out?!
Hey, boyo!
Pressure?! Y'sure it's okay t'push on it?!
No! Keep applying pressure around the wound!
DASH
HUFF
SWSH

Look ...
There's the cloaked man! Is he dead?!
GSH
GSH
...?!
Is this the defibrillator?!
Kurosawa!
AED
That's it! Bring it here!
So they left their commander an' high-tailed it outta here?!
GSH
GSH
I don't see the rest of 'em anywhere.
We have to revive Naruse *now!*
Who cares about them?!

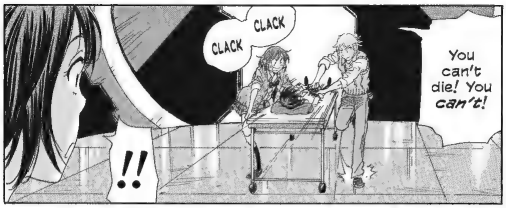
THROB
THROB
B-But even if I'm a Coppelion, I can't—
Whaaa?!
We can't shock the survivors. You put pressure on the wound instead!
We're going to deliver an electric shock to her heart!
Wh-What do I do?!
Heck no! I ain't afraida no electricity!
It's charged. Move back!
ウィィィィーン
You're useless! Get back!
For-get it!
This is my job! I have to help save Ibara!
What the heck?!
Move, mister!
THUD
Gwah!

Here goes!
CLICK
Good.
Do it, Kurosawa! Please!
GWSH
FWMP
Tch... you're one trouble-some class rep!
GSH
GSH
Shh!
W-Well?!
Bwuuuuuu

Humans aren't worth saving!
GSH
GSH
What do you get out of putting your life on the line for that villain?
BEEP
BEEEEP
!
BEEP
She's back!
Ibara!
Ugh...
KOFF

What about him?
Take her back to Planet! There's an operating room there!
!!
Dammit ...!
She's lost a lot of blood!
We can't treat her here!
I'll tie 'im up so he can't escape!
You go on ahead, bomb boy!
He's just lost consciousness!
He's not dead.
Let's go to Planet!
Okay...
AED

パチ
BLINK
YOU HAVE AWAKENED, MISS TAEKO?
VMMM
Why, hello, Mr. No-sense.
...Um... Do you know where Ibara is?
MISS IBARA IS CURRENTLY ON AN EXCURSION-
Hold on, Ibara!
プシュウウ
PSSSH
VMMM

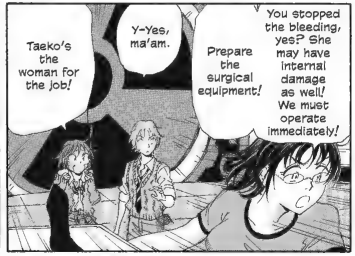

CLACK
CLACK
You can't die! You *can't*!
!!

You're Taeko Nomura, aren't you?!
Can you perform surgery?!

Taeko!
Ibara was—
Wh-What on earth happened?!
WOBBLE

CHK
Y-Yes!
I went over it at school!

Oh...!


You stopped the bleeding, yes? She may have internal damage as well! We must operate immediately!
Prepare the surgical equipment!
Y-Yes, ma'am.
Taeko's the woman for the job!

A-A blood transfusion?!
...she'll need a blood transfusion.
With this much blood loss...
So she needs...
Ibara's a third year.
You know what I mean, right?
...
Let's start the surgery.

TWEET

MISS AOI, YOU SEEM UNWELL
YOUR EXPRESSION INDICATES SADNESS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL STATE.

BEEP BEEP
BEEP

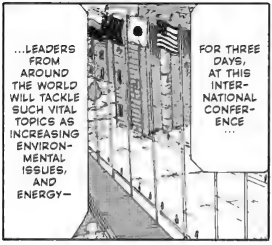
I just get in the way all the time.
I'm never any use.
...if everyone would be better off without me.
I wonder...
BEEP
BEEP
...Why am I spilling my soul to a robot?
WOBBLE
Where am I?
Taeko...?
Mmph...

I was wonderin' why I felt so tingly.
Oh...
Thank goodness. It seems we managed to avoid any compli-cations.
Planet, Ibara.
We had to give you blood— and quite a lot of it.
Compli-cations?
The Coppelion grade levels are separated by blood type.
Oh, Ibara... did you forget?
Your blood's sure warm.
Thanks, Taeko.
...a senior would need a senior's blood.
So...

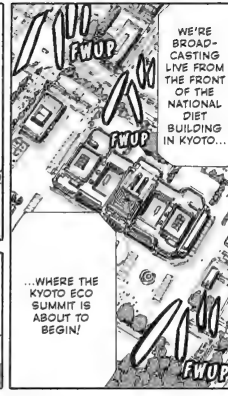
6:00 AM,
October 5,
2036 AD
Oh, my...
Haruto's blood...?
コケコッコー
COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO
Morning already.

コケコッコー
COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO
Pnew
SKRTCH
SKRTCH
What a crazy day.
M-12 END

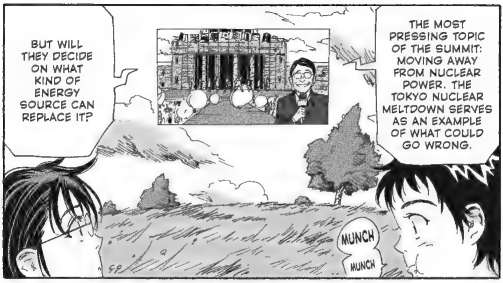
LIVE
FROM TOKYO...
IT'S NOW 10:00 AM, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH!
TIME FOR A SPECIAL REPORT FROM NEWS PLANET!
RAAA
NEWS PLANET
Mission.13 [The 1st Division's Secret]

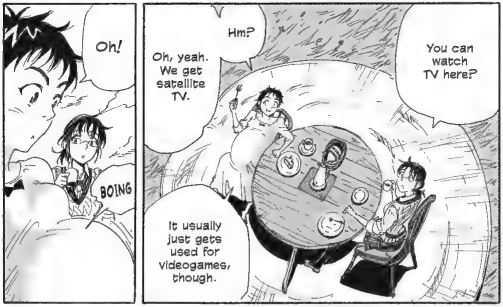

...LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WILL TACKLE SUCH VITAL TOPICS AS INCREASING ENVIRON-MENTAL ISSUES, AND ENERGY—
FOR THREE DAYS, AT THIS INTER-NATIONAL CONFER-ENCE ...

THE OPENING CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
OH!
RAAA


WE'RE BROAD-CASTING LIVE FROM THE FRONT OF THE NATIONAL DIET BUILDING IN KYOTO...
FWUP
...WHERE THE KYOTO ECO SUMMIT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

RAAA
RAAA
FLASH
PRIME MINISTER NATSUME, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMIT, HAS GIVEN THE PEACE SIGN FROM THE CENTER OF THE PLATFORM.
THE CONFERENCE HAS NOW BEGUN!


BUT WILL THEY DECIDE ON WHAT KIND OF ENERGY SOURCE CAN REPLACE IT?
THE MOST PRESSING TOPIC OF THE SUMMIT: MOVING AWAY FROM NUCLEAR POWER. THE TOKYO NUCLEAR MELTDOWN SERVES AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD GO WRONG.
MUNCH
MUNCH


Oh!
BOING
Hm?
Oh, yeah. We get satellite TV.
You can watch TV here?
It usually just gets used for videogames, though.

Want to feel it?
Oh, the baby?
He just kicked!

I do hope we can evacuate you soon.
BOMP
BOMP
We can't do anything if you go into labor.
Yes...
It feels so very warm.
Feel that? That's his heartbeat.
Well... we never imagined we'd come across a pregnant woman.
...
You didn't learn anything about deliveries?
Really?
I thought they taught you pretty much everything.
Tse-kooo...
WOBBLE
Heeeey...

I haven't seen her around.
Where's Aoi?
What are you doing up?! I told you to stay in bed!
Ibara!
HUFF
Well, she's...
...
I-I know...
HUFF

4
BAM
Heeeey!
Open up, Aoi!
BAM

BAM
Aoi!
It's time for breakfast! Open up!
THROB
What're ya doin' holed up in there?!
BAM
BAM
Sheesh. What's goin' on in that head of hers?
With me an' Taeko outta action, it's her time to step up!
Nope. We barely ever use that storage room.
You don't have a spare key, Ibuki?
Crap.
KCHK
KCHK
Huh?
Why's that?
Perhaps that's exactly why she's hiding.
She must be upset about how you were wounded.
Well, it o/o/ happen because she was abducted.
It could be that she's upset because she feels useless.

...y'know what it means for a young person t'stay locked away, without workin'?
But...
I'm sure you can help her get back on her feet.
Please say something to her, Ibara.
I know what you're thinkin'!
SWSH
Aoi...
An unemployed shut-in!
It means you're a shut-in!
Hellooo! Aoi!
DON
BAM
Huh ...?
...
Are you really okay with that, Aoi?!

HUFF
WHEEZE
HUFF
WHEEZE
Mornin', Kurobe!
FOOAH ...
HUFF
WHEEZE

The Mitaka police station, obviously!
What is this building?
I brought one'a the Coppelion!
What other place'd have a jail?
Over here, bomb boy!
Gennai!
We can't take that man back ta Planet!
The fella wants ta die.
...didn't have an oxygen tank.
This madman...
WHEELE
HUFF
He just woke up.
See 'im fer yerself.
KREEE

Ask 'im anythin' y'want, all he does is smirk!
Creepy as hell, ain't he?
WHEEZE
HUFF
HEH
WHEEZE
HUFF
You took high-level waste from the Boat Race Lake as well, didn't you?
And not only the low-level waste from the water plant.
Who are you?
Yellow Cake must have taken it from nuclear plants in other countries, for a high price.
Based on the English labels, it was all from overseas.
Why are you collecting nuclear waste?

They approached you, saying you could make a fortune by using Tokyo for the disposal of nuclear waste.
You do, don't you?
Does the 1st Division have some sort of an arrangement with Yellow Cake?
He's talkin'!
We are not business-men.
I know nothing of Yellow Cake.
Then what was your aim?
So it wasn't a business arrangement?
... I see.
Shall I make it easier for you to talk?

BAM
What're ya shootin' fer?!
FWAP
Whoa now!
!!
BASH
Hng...
...
What the heck's this, now?!
Wh...?
Ga ha ha!
?!
FWAP
Ee heehee... eehee-heehee!
Ahahaha! Heeheehee!
FWAP

He ain't afraid ta die!
Now just hold on!
He only has five more seconds to live, unless I inject him with the antidote.
A neuro-toxin.
KCHK
He ain't gonna break down from this! Give 'im the antidote!
Four.
Five.
Heehee...
Tell me what your objective was.
You—
Y...
...
Eeheehee...
Ee...
バタ
BWAP
Two.
One.
バタ
BWAP
Three.
Then the world will have one less dog in it.

S—
Stop! I'll talk!
BSSH
FLAP FLAP
やさしさ
What in the ...?
He begged fer his life?
WHEEZE
HUFF
HUFF
WHEEZE

But he didn't. He must have a reason to live.
Then their secret would be safe.
HUFF
If he truly wanted to die, he would have taken his life already.
WHEEZE
Right now, at least.
No one can stop it now.
Hehe-heh...
WOBBLE
ЗО...
Think that tank shell knocked a few screws loose?
Oho...
Nothing else will save you.
KCHK
Spill it.

What did you just say?!
...
What're ya talkin' about?!
What?!
They know their duty. They're surely on their way to the "coffin" as we speak.
The 1st Division needs no leader.
We shall gather the nuclear waste at Daiba Nuclear Power Plant...
...and the ashes of death shall rain down upon the world!

Ahaha...
Ahahahaha!
NARUSE, PICK UP!
Ow...!
Ugh...
They told me you're interrogatin' the cloaked man!
Haruto? What's wrong?!
PSSH
Urgh...
Miss Ibuki?!
FWUMP

Don't tell me ...
...
Ibara! Miss Ibuki's in pain!
?!
The baby ...
It's coming ...!
M-13 END

Mission.14【 Emergency 】
We shall gather the nuclear waste at Daiba Nuclear Power Plant...
...and the ashes of death shall rain down upon the world!

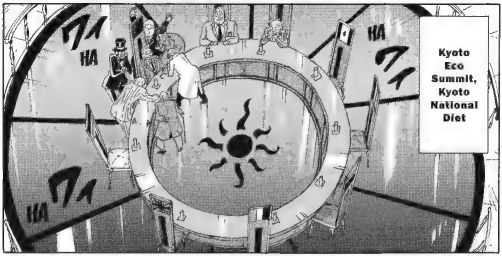
Haru-to!
Is he tellin' the truth?!

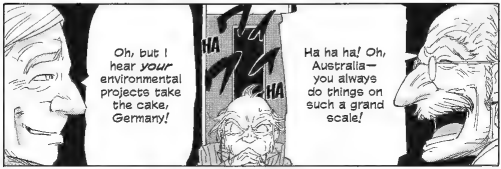
BEEP GSSH
HELLO?! HARUTO!
SAY SOME-THING!

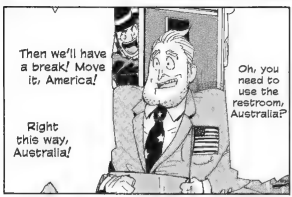
?!
Urgh...!

The baby...
It's coming...!

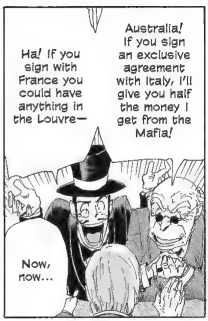
Oh my word—
It's coming?!
Ibuki?!
They're really strong this time, Dad!
I can't get up!
Oh, no!
More birth pangs, Ibuki?!
TMP
TMP
Her intervals are getting shorter!
The baby's about to be born!
Mr. Gojiro!
What's the JGSDF dawdling for?!
...
Call in a helicopter!


HA
HA
HA
HA
Kyoto Eco Summit, Kyoto National Diet


Oh, but I hear *your* environmental projects take the cake, Germany!
HA
HA
Ha ha ha! Oh, Australia— you always do things on such a grand scale!


Then we'll have a break! Move it, America!
Right this way, Australia!
Oh, you need to use the restroom, Australia?

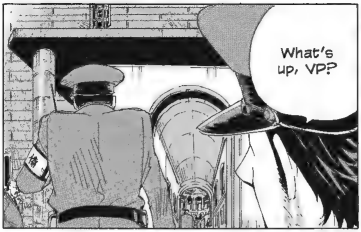
SHHHH!
...


Australia! If you sign an exclusive agreement with Italy, I'll give you half the money I get from the Mafia!
Ha! If you sign with France you could have anything in the Louvre—
Now, now...

Japan should be the center of attention!
BAM!
I'm the chairman!
What a farce!
Wh...
Australia coming through, out of the way!
HA HA HA
This way, this way!
Why are they cozying up to Australia?!
We do have the world's largest ghost town.
Damn them! Don't we have anything that's the best in the world?!
What ...?!
At the moment, Australia possesses the most valuable natural resources in the world.
It was inevitable, Your Excellency.
...much in contrast to the United States, which lost its status as a fearsome superpower 30 years ago.
SNAP
This was what allowed them to become a member state in the Group of Nine...

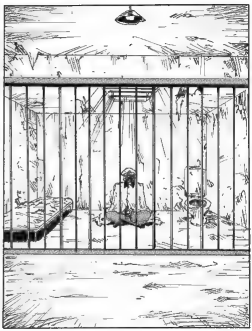
You say the survivor is going into labor, Naruse?!
Please send a heli-copter!
...we need an actual doctor!
Ugh... argh!
Hang on, Ibuki!
Yes, VP.
Her father's checking on her now, but...
Well...
...there's a lot I wish I could send to you.
He won't send us one measly helicopter, just for THAT?!
Huh...?
!
He's trying to keep his dignity through a display of power.
PANP
PANP
PANP
But the Prime Minister has turned this conference into some kind of EXHIBITION.
BOOM...

How is she?!
Mr. Gojiro!
BAM
Ibara! Mr. Gojiro's come out!
...they'll come faster and stronger now.
They've stopped for now, but...
...we only have two or three days at the most.
I think...
Right, VP?!
They'll send us one as soon as the 1st Division's leader spills the beans!
Just stay calm.
Are they sending a helicopter, Ibara?!


What's up, VP?
...Hm?

We have an emergency!
?!
We're going to see the Prime Minister, Ibuse.

Dammit!



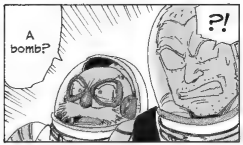
PSST
...ie true?
D'ya think what he said...
PSST

Whaddya think, bomb boy?

But ...
...even if it *is* true, is the 1st Division capable of such a thing?
He's bonkers!
Ashes of death'll rain down upon the world?

SWISH
It's like this.

Its existence alone is dangerous enough.
But if someone tries to blow it up...


A bomb?
?!

...holds back intense radioactive particles—like a bomb that hasn't gone off yet.
The so-called coffin built around the Daiba Nuclear Plant...

If that's their true goal...
...they must have quite a grudge against the Japanese government.
I gotcha... the end of the world might be near...
...
So either way, this country will be done for.
The end of the world might be an exaggeration. But it'd be a second major nuclear accident in Japan.
Naruse already reported this to the Vice Principal.
The news'll find its way to him.
They should be complainin' ta the Prime Minister, then!
What the hell?!
Calm down, Kurobe!
FWAP
G9 KYOTO ECO WORLD SUMMIT
Prime Minister!
So the Prime Minister should be learning about it at any moment now.

TOMA
It's Mishima, Your Excellency!
I have urgent information—
It's me!
RAAA
RAAA
Prime Minister Natsume!
Out of my way!
"HAR."
You're watching News Planet! The summit members are currently breaking for a meal!
?!
RAAA
We'll be back with more after a weather report! But first, a word from our sponsors!
RAAA
Wait, Your Excellency!
Ougai?
Vice Principal Mishima. Over here.
NO HANNY STRESS!

We must send reinforcements to Tokyo!
If we don't do something, the situation will get much worse, Ougai.

You've determined the 1st Division's objective.
I see...

He hasn't been leading it in the first place. He's been totally ignored.
What?!

Since it's an emergency, I believe he'll agree!
We must inform the Prime Minister immediately.

If you tell him, he'll be in quite a panic. He won't be able to effectively lead the summit.
Wait, now...

Wait until the summit is over.
Let those fools have their little victory for now. It's only three days.
If we continue to fall behind the rest of the world, it will be the end of our nation.
This may look like nothing more than a foolish exhibition to you, but it's for our country.
...I'm speaking with the future of our country in mind!
Ougai, believe me when I say...
Until then, the fate of the country....
...rests in the hands of your little dolls.
Back to security duty for us, then!
Well, well...

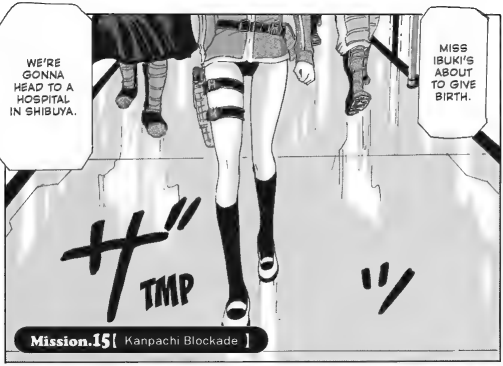
Yer savior's back!
BRAHMAN
Hey, hey, hey!
Hey, hey! If yer gonna fight, go out back!
Fore-man ...
What are you saying?!
What ...?!
Hrm...?
They won't send any helicopters until the day after tomorrow!
They value some foolish conference over the lives of their citizens! Hahaha!
Listen!
These JGSDF ruffians are abandoning my daughter!

We have to get her to a hospital, or both of their lives may be in danger.
What do we do?!
Ibuki's about ta give birth, ain't she?
I don't know anything about delivering a baby!
FWHAP
Yes ...
A hospital ...
GASP
Didn't you say you were going to one in Shibuya?
Huh? Yeah...
The survivors' main headquarters is over there.
If we can make it ta Shibuya safely...
Have you forgotten ...
...how we were attacked by the 1st Division on our way there?
If we're attacked again she could have a miscarriage!
Nobody's said we're gonna go!
FWAP
No...

I ain't lettin' anybody attack you this time!
I'm at the police station...
...guarding the cloaked man.
CHK
KCHK
KCHK
HARUTO, COME IN!

Are you nuts, Naruse? You almost died just yesterday.
...
Can I count on you to hold down the fort?!
We're gonna head to Shibuya!
...
FVVT
Later!
Oh! And Aoi's locked herself away, so look after her too, okay?
SWSH
And I'm all better today, thanks to the blood you gave me!
Yup.... sorry...
Careful ...
Okay.
You all packed an' ready, tough little missy?
KCHK
Al-righty!

Next stop: a Shibuya hospital!
SWSH
To the east!
...You're going in your gym clothes?!
M-14 END


WE'RE GONNA HEAD TO A HOSPITAL IN SHIBUYA.
MISS IBUKI'S ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH.
TMP
Mission.15【 Kanpachi Blockade 】

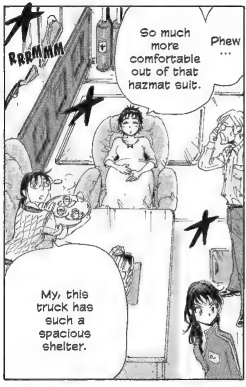
BUT THIS TIME, I'M GONNA PROTECT EVERYBODY!

KCHK
GATE-01

LAST TIME, THEY WERE STOPPED BY THE 1ST DIVISION.
BRRRRRR

ドルン
VRRM
AHTAKA TEAM
ドルン
VRRM
Before the sun goes down, people!
All aboard!

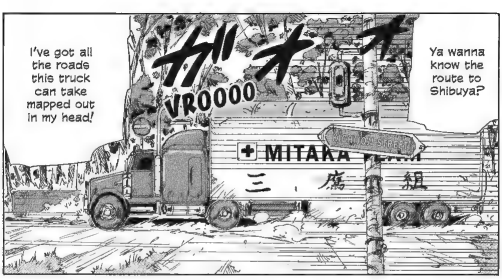
BEEP GSSH
THIS IS NO-SENSE.
WHERE ARE YOU TRAVELING?
By the door! We don't need 'em in the shelter area, Gennai!
Okay... thanks, Taeko.
TAKA
鷹
Where d'you want the weapons, Kurobe?
We're almost there... slowly, now.
BEEP BEEP
I SHALL SEE TO MISS AOI'S RECUPERATION, PREPARE HER MEALS, AND—
YES, MA'AM.
TAKE CARE OF AOI! THANKS, NO-SENSE!
TO A HOSPITAL IN SHIBUYA!
ドルン VRRM
VRRM ドルン
Everybody in?


RRRMMM
So much more comfortable out of that hazmat suit.
Phew ...
My, this truck has such a spacious shelter.

RRRMMM
What route are we takin' to Shibuya, Foreman?

BAM
I think she's sayin' somethin'!
Oh, the mic.
CLICK
BAM

Then the Mitaka Team's off ta Shibuya!
VROOOOOM


I've got all the roads this truck can take mapped out in my head!
VROOOO
Ya wanna know the route to Shibuya?
MITAKA

Yup!
No traffic an' it only takes a little less than an hour!
VROOOM

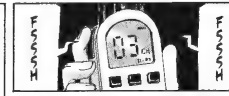
We can just follow that all the way ta Shibuya!
First we're goin' north, ta Inogashira Street.
CHUO LINE
INOGASHIRA STREET
KOSHU STREET

Shibuya's closer than I thought.
Huh...

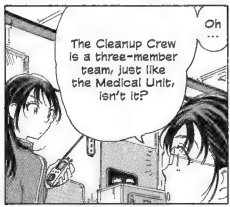
Come in, Cleanup Crew.
This is Haruto Kurosawa.
FVVT
BEEP GSSH

Were you just talkin' to somebody?
We'll make it to Shibuya today.

HARUTO, IT'S ME!
?!


FSSSSH
FSSSSH

Can you hear me? This is Haru—
...


The Cleanup Crew is a three-member team, just like the Medical Unit, isn't it?
Oh...

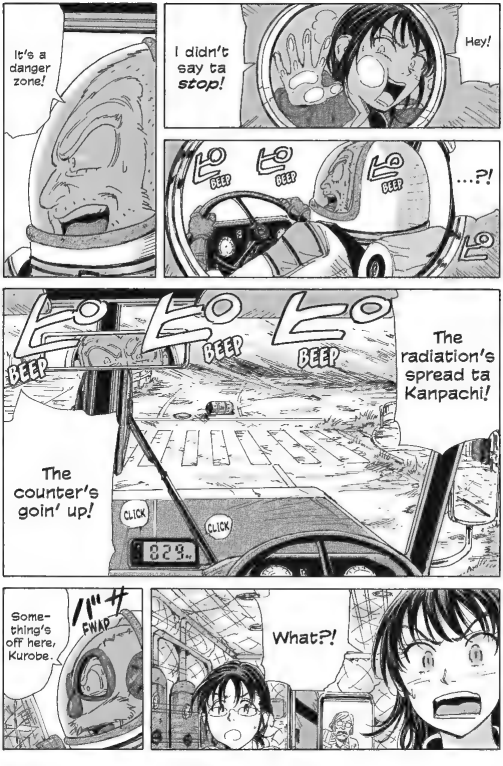
They go missing pretty often. It's something of a problem.
I haven't been able to contact the other two Cleanup Crew members.

Don't worry about that. Pay attention to the road, Naruse.
Gee, thanks for the advice.
We're all Coppelion! You gotta get along with your friends!
What gives, Haruto?
THEY'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU— TO CAPTURE YOU.
THE 1ST DIVISION SHOULD STILL BE IN THE AREA.
VROOOO
WHY WOULD THEY WANT US NOW?!
... I THOUGHT THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO DAIBA!
Wait, but...
Huh ?!
Why do you think they were after us Coppelion in the first place?
The answer's right under your nose, rep.

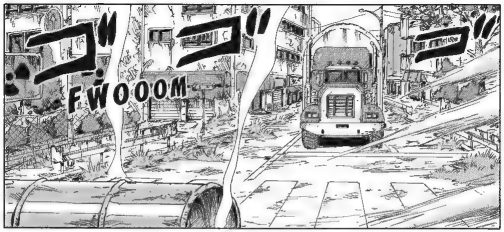
The 1st Division needs us Coppelion if they want to infiltrate Daiba.
Exactly, Taeko Nomura.
...
Heck if I know!
Could they want us for—?
Daiba ... The coffin ...
So...
...no matter how good their hazmat suit, any human who approached it would die.
...the area around the plant is an immense danger zone.
Be-cause ...

In other words ...
...we're the only ones who can go in there.
But ...
...we would never help someone try to destroy the world!
Nope.
And Aoi Fukasaku got away from them.
See what I'm getting at?
They don't have a single Coppelion with them now. Which means...
Oh, I get it!
They can't even set foot in Daiba!

...SO I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'LL BE TOO ROUGH, BUT...
THE 1ST DIVISION WANTS TO TAKE YOU ALIVE...
So you'll need to watch your back, Ibara.
Foreman, let's get this thing movin' full speed!
Roger!
Oof!
SLAM
SKREEE


It's a danger zone!
I didn't say ta *stop!*
Hey!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
...?!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
The radiation's spread ta Kanpachi!
The counter's goin' up!
CLICK
CLICK
Some-thing's off here, Kurobe.
FWAP
What?!

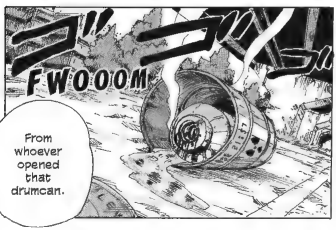
Okay, we gotta turn around!
That's crazy ...
It's not on the map!
KANPACHI STREET
KANPACHI/INOGASHIRA CROSSING
INOGASHIRA STREET
Look!
Wait ...!
Is this another new danger zone?!
HIGH LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTE
A drumcan!
... high-level radioactive waste?!
Is that ...
The lid's open.
The...


FWOOOM

What don't you see?
Ibara?

What else're they gonna throw at us?!
CLUNK
Dagnabbit! Did those ghosts do this?!

I don't see one ...
Don't worry, I got this! We'll take another road!


FWOOOM
From whoever opened that drumcan.

A body. There's no body.

Friends...?
Hm.
They've gone silent.
CLICK
CLICK
FSSSH
FVVT
WHEEZE
What a meaningless word.
Friends...
HUFF
There we go!
This far south should be enough ta avoid the danger zone!
Hehe-heh...
KOFF
HACK

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
?!
CHK
CHK
I'm turning us left, into Kanpachi!
VROOO
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
All of Kanpachi is blocked off!
It's no use.
I'm thinkin'!
Is there another road we can take?!
Yer kiddin' me!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
Another drumcan ?!
BEEP

The expressway! There's an entrance south of here!
CHUO
Look!
I got it...
Hm ...?
Hold on!
We'll backtrack ta Takaido an' get on the express-way there!
Oh, yes! We can get to Shibuya by heading toward Shinjuku!
An express-way?!
Where are you?!
This is Kurosawa!
Answer me, Ozu sisters!
VROOOOM
Come in, Cleanup Crew!

Heheh! Take that, y'ghost scum!
No warnings from the Geiger counter!
We're at the expressway entrance!
Alright!
Ibara?
...
Could it be—?
?!
Someone's in the road!
What is it, Ibara?
Wh...

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